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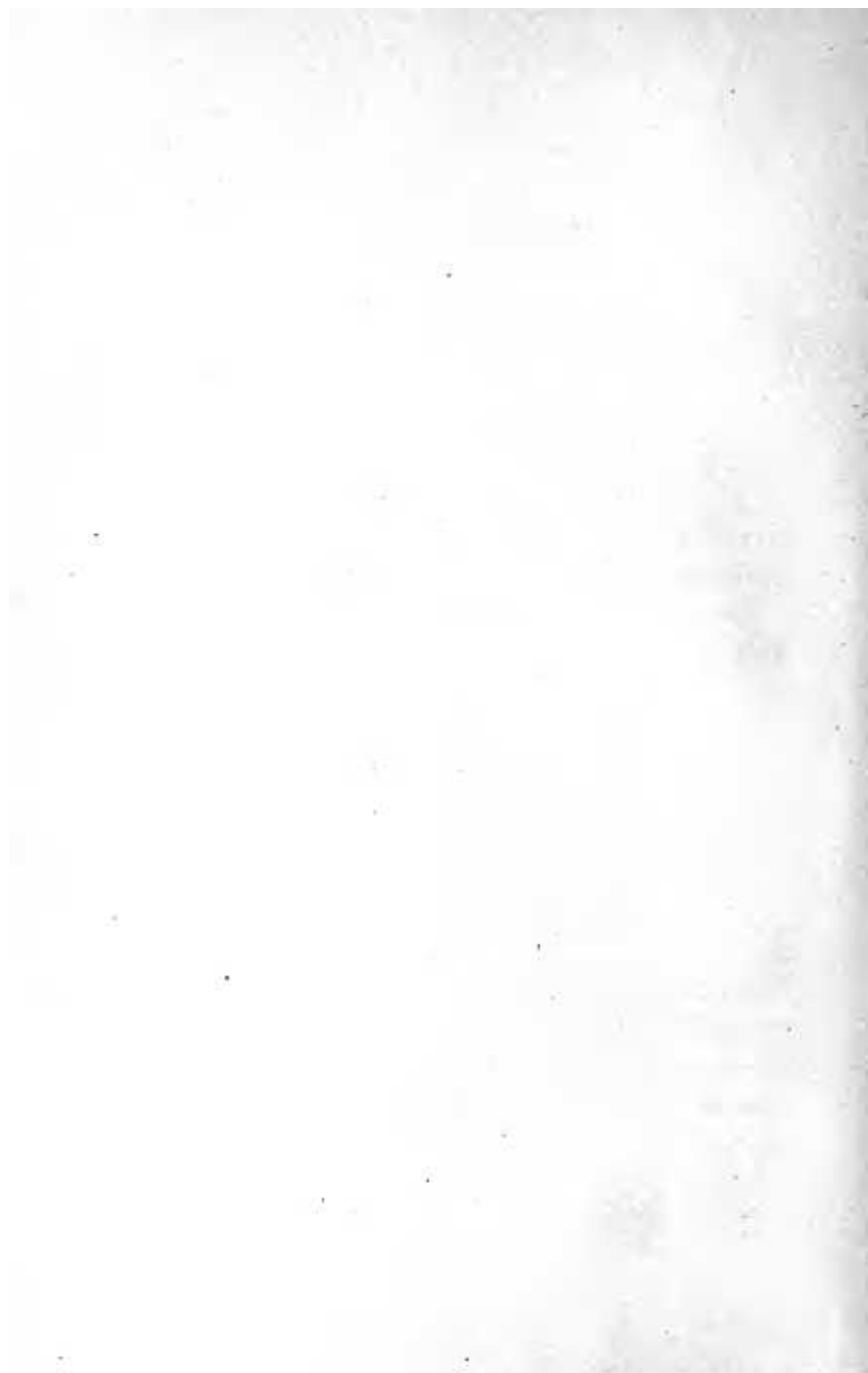
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TO
CATRIONA AND ELIZABETH
IS DEDICATED
THIS EXPRESSION OF THEIR FATHER'S
PHILOSOPHY OF EVERY DAY

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PREFACE

STEVENSON, in his "Child's Garden of Verses," says:

"The world is so full of a number of things
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

This is the song of childhood's observation and realization of the obvious good things of life.

Browning, in "Pippa Passes," gives Pippa this song:

"The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn:
God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world!"

This is a song not merely of childhood's observation and realization, but of youth's conviction—conviction in spite of some contradictory observation. Some singers give up the song early in